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Felicia –

I reached out to Jim Gulliford on Jane Nishida's idea of Jim and Chad/Scott talking about consultation on the 8/13 meeting. He is agreeable, but would like to see it as a discussion with questions shared with the RAs and AAs ahead of time.

From our last conversation, I believe you were checking Chad's and Scott's calendars for this meeting. If the plan is to move forward (potentially towards an 8/13 date), should I work with you and/or Andy/Karen on this?

I was looking ahead and next week is a busy week for me, so I wanted to touch base and share a few thoughts/question while they were on my mind:

- OITA's COVID consultation policy - Like many NPMs, OITA drafted a COVID related consultation policy.
 - o OECA has set an end date to their policy.
 - Is this conversation premature?
 - Do the RAs/AAs think we should consider an end date?
 - Should we consider a set of gating criteria to ending the policy?
 - o How is the COVID flexibilities in consultation policy working for NPMs/regions?
 - Are NPMs/regions moving forward with consultations?
 - If NPMs/regions are holding consultations, are the NPMs/regions only required consultations or a broader array of consultations?
- McGirt Supreme Court Decision (May need to send a brief link ahead of time, so RICs/DDs can brief ahead of time)
 - o Are there revisions to your consultation practices that you are considering in light of the McGirt decision? (especially for tribes that are partially in OK and also the broader perspective)
 - o Is a policy/guidance document needed in light of McGirt?

Thanks!

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